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Subscribers who do not get their paper are requested to call 195. The News wants every person in Palatka to get a paper every day and we will use every effort to see that it is delivered.

## GOVERNMENT BY COMMISSION.

It is notable that the cities in Florida which are making the most progress have either adopted the commission form of government or are contemplating it. The possible exception to the first instance is Tampa, where ring politics have been in control for many years.

Jacksonville has adopted it in modified form, leaving just enough politics to fester and corrupt the administration and nullify the good features of the form. But in St. Petersburg, West Palm Beach, Orlando, Sanford and half a dozen other Florida towns, the tax payers have come to the conclusion that they must have someone to handle the important matters of municipal business who is constantly on the job, who has the time for it and is not pulled this way and that way by personal friendships and political affiliations.

It is apparent that the day has arrived when Palatka might well give this form of government serious consideration. In the past it has been discussed and some attempt has been made to create sufficient sentiment to bring about action. But it was hard to get something definite and tangible started.

The News does not offer the suggestion that a commission form of government be adopted through any desire to criticize the official actions of the gentlemen who are now serving the city as the executive body without compensation. Nearly all of them have stated on more than one occasion that serving in this capacity is a thankless job, and no doubt all of them would like to be relieved of the responsibility.

## PRESERVING OUR ASSETS.

The railroad administration is preparing some very elaborate advertising matter to exploit the advantages of Florida as a winter resort and as an all-year round state, as well. This advertising stresses "the sportsman's paradise" throughout.

But how long can Florida hope to be a "sportsman's paradise" under present conditions? We might as well have the same game laws as we had when the Indians were supreme in this state. There is a law on the statute books, but it might as well not be there. No provision is made for enforcing it and no sheriff in the state will ever do it at his own expense, to enforce it.

But there is a way to enforce it. If the real sportsman of the state will make it their business to see that every violation of the law is reported and warrants sworn out against those slaughtering birds and other game out of season and in excessive quantities.

Unfortunately there is no sportsman's organization in the state through which enforcement measures might be directed. It does seem little short of criminal that one of the state's most attractive natural assets should be permitted to be destroyed by a set of selfish and unthinking men.

## OUR CUT OVER LANDS.

To-day's Times-Union contains a lengthy editorial on Florida's cut-over lands, intimating that Mr. Ucker, the vice-president of the Southern Development Co., is waging a campaign for their development that is of great moment to Florida.

But does Mr. Ucker know what he is talking about? Does the Times-Union know what it is talking about when it refers, in a general way, to the great possibilities of the waste lands in Florida? In a recent address Mr. Ucker told what is needed in Florida. That's a different matter. If Mr. Ucker, or anyone else, can convince the Florida cracker that he can get out in the blistering sun on cut over lands and raise a crop he will have performed real service—provided he can tell how it is to be done.

We see no necessity for making a big fuss over something that is a problem and not a probability. Sand hill lands in Florida, if in the right section, will produce citrus fruit, provided plenty of fertilizer is used, but we have not seen any that will produce anything else, except a little crab grass, and not enough of this to be worth while.

Rent raisers make renters out of renters.

Entered at the Post Office in Palatka, Florida, as second class mail matter.

Chick Acosta told Mayor Martin, of Jacksonville, that he, Chick, could be mayor any time he wanted to. We may now expect to see Chick in the next mayoralty contest.

The Tampa Times says the reason booze stays in some cellars longer than it does in others is the difference in the fellers. This bon mot is just a little tardy, isn't it Huff?

People coming up from Miami say that strikes don't seem to be retarding the progress of the Magic City and

that it is the busiest place they have been to. Palatka can get in the same class by eliminating individualism.

Political seers see in the recent elections indications of a disintegration of both of the major parties. But the seers have been doing this kind of seeing for many years, yet the old parties tie up the ends, make a fresh start and occupy the middle of the ring along in November.

Alabama's Republican vote has caused considerable speculation as to the possibility of the Republicans breaking the solid south next year. We believe that Alabama with its very large alien population in the mining districts, is about the most uncertain of all the southern states in party allegiance.

Those persons who have occasion to travel into and through Jacksonville to any extent will note with relief that the new Union Station is soon to open. Now if Jacksonville can just sweep out about thirty or forty blocks between the station and the main section of the town it will present a creditable appearance to the stranger.

"The men who earn their bread, and their automobiles and silk shirts, by the sweat of the brow of the men who pay the wages are in good luck just now although there are only a few who know it," says the Times-Union. Couldn't the Times-Union, in all fairness, have carried the thought just a little further? When we could condemn radicalism on one extreme we might sometimes see that we are in danger of leaning the other way.

Hollister is all set for the community fair which will be held there tomorrow. This may seem a small affair to some, but it is an event in the life of the community which is certain to bear fruit. There will be highly creditable exhibits of all kinds of farm products and domestic defence exhibits which will, no doubt, inspire many who have not been so thrifty to renewed effort and greater and better production.

There is more truth than poetry in the following old story, which the Polk County Record is helping on probably its twentieth journey: "A preacher came at a newspaper man in this way: 'You editors do not tell the truth. If you did you could not live; your newspapers would be failures.' The editor replied: 'You are right, and the minister who will at all times and under all circumstances tell the whole truth about his members, alive or dead, will not occupy his pulpit more than one Sunday, and then he will find it necessary to leave town in a hurry. The press and the pulpit go hand in hand with white-wash brushes and pleasant words, magnifying little virtues into big ones. The pulpit, the pen, and the grave-stone are the great saint-making triumvirate.'"

## WITH OTHER EDITORS.

## WHERE THE TAX DIVERGES.

Gainesville Sun: We found, the other day, in The Soda Dispenser, an influential trade magazine, a copy of a letter from our fellow townsman, Phillip Miller, to Senator Duncan U. Fletcher, which is the strongest argument against the folly of the way the income tax law is enforced we have seen yet. The magazine itself praises Mr. Miller very highly for the originality and pointedness with which this law is enforced.

Mr. Miller says: "Dear Senator: I think this the first time I have addressed a letter to a senator in regard to public matters. I have always taken it for granted that they knew more about their business than I do. However, in some cases all of us overlook something."

"I am very much interested in this war tax on soda fountains. Not that I want to escape paying the government what is right and just, and, if you will look into this matter you will readily see the injustice therein. First, the extra expense and trouble it puts the merchant to to collect it. We are allowed to sell a glass of milk for five or ten cents but, if we put a little chocolate in it, it becomes a 'chocolate milk,' and we must collect a war tax. We can sell you a small package of cream, if put in a package for you to take along with you—no tax, but, if we put it in a cone for a child, the child has to pay one cent war tax; or, if a customer should take a dish and sit at one of our tables and eat it, this customer has no tax to pay. This same customer can go into a restaurant next door, and buy a dish of cream, sit there and eat it without paying any war tax. We can sell a glass of milk—no tax—an egg—no tax, but if we put the egg and milk together, it then becomes a mixed drink and a tax must be collected. We used to sell thousands of ice cream cones to children, before this war tax went into effect. Now we sell very few."

"Please take time to look into this matter. I have the law printed on my cards, and I wish you could hear what customers say about it."

It would be hard to put things in a nutshell any more forcibly than this.

## THE LIVE STOCK INDUSTRY.

Times-Union: As another means of advancing the livestock industry and improving the cattle of the state, the Armour Company has made arrangements to carry out a plan conceived by its extension department last year that of placing twenty purebred bulls in ten counties adjacent to Jacksonville, for service among the smaller herds of farmers who cannot afford such a bull themselves. The crossing of these purebred bulls with native or grade cows will soon improve the herds and as this is to be done at a nominal expense, this opportunity will undoubtedly be immediately taken advantage of by the farmers and livestock raisers in these ten counties. This work will be carried on under the direction of K. F. Warner, who comes here from the University of Nebraska, where he has been in charge of the livestock experiment station for some time. He will also have charge of the livestock exhibit and other exhibits of the Armour Company at the State Fair and will meet the farmers and stockmen there and give them any information at his command.

The Armour Company has invested a million dollars in an immense packing plant and stock yards in Jacksonville and it is interested in improving the livestock in Florida so that the farmers and ranchmen can develop a profitable industry and make it profitable both for the raiser and the packer. The co-operative work planned should result in much good for the communities interested and it will if the farmers and livestock men show an interest in improving their stock and conditions.

## HIGHER FRUIT PRICES EXPECTED BY DR. ROSS

PRESIDENT OF EXCHANGE SAYS MARKET LOOKS BETTER.

Higher Standards of Acidity Recommended by Sub-Exchange Managers in State.

TAMPA, Nov. 14—The outlook for fine prices for Florida oranges and grapefruit during the height of the shipping season has never been better than at present. This is the opinion of Dr. J. H. Ross, president of the Florida Citrus Exchange. In talking before the meeting in Tampa yesterday in the Exchange offices to the sub-exchange managers of that organization upon the occasion of the regular monthly meeting of the sub-exchange Managers' Association, he expressed very great optimism.

He pointed out that in the face of great industrial disturbances and even threatened revolution, the prices of all fruits and foodstuffs in the great markets had remained at a very high level. He cited a scarcity of all kinds of small fruits in the northern markets, and basing his assertion upon the prices being paid for other fruits he said he felt safe to predict fine prices for Florida oranges and grapefruit just as soon as it was possible to place them upon the markets thoroughly mature and well colored.

## Fruit Late in Maturing.

He said it was generally agreed fruit this season was from four to six weeks later in maturing than last season. Misled by this fact a certain number of shipments had gone forward from Florida which had not met with a favorable reception in the North. However, he stated market reports showed practically all offerings of mature, desirable Florida citrus fruits had been readily absorbed by the markets up to this time at very satisfactory prices.

H. G. Gumprecht, manager of Manatee County Sub-exchange, advocated before the meeting a higher standard of tests for acidity in early fruit, and the organization recommended to the directors of the exchange the possibility of fixing a higher standard by law be investigated.

A. R. Sandlin, manager of the Marion and Highland sub-exchanges, told the meeting it was his opinion lots of oranges had been shipped from Florida as early as Parson Brown oranges, which actually were not Parson Brown oranges and that a portion of the distress in the markets was due to this.

W. F. Miller, manager of the Exchange Supply Company, reported that company now shipping in excess of \$50,000 per month of fertilizer materials to exchange growers. He asked the sub-exchange members to join with the Supply Company to recommend to the directors of the Exchange the establishment of a joint chemical laboratory where not only would fertilizer and soil tests be made, but research work could be conducted looking to the utilization of cull fruit by

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FRED T. MERRILL

the Exchange. The suggestion was adopted and referred to the directors by unanimous action.

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